

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT GREENEVILLE**

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| RALPH BYRD COOPER, JR., | ) |                                    |
|                         | ) | Case No. 2:17-cv-23                |
| <i>Petitioner,</i>      | ) |                                    |
|                         | ) | Judge Travis R. McDonough          |
| v.                      | ) |                                    |
|                         | ) | Magistrate Judge Cynthia R. Wyrick |
| RANDY LEE,              | ) |                                    |
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| <i>Respondent.</i>      | ) |                                    |

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**JUDGMENT ORDER**

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In accordance with the accompanying memorandum opinion, Petitioner's *pro se* petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (Doc. 1) is **DENIED**, and this action is **DISMISSED**. The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to close the case.

Additionally, for the reasons set forth in the accompanying memorandum opinion, a Certificate of Appealability will **NOT ISSUE**. Therefore, Petitioner is **DENIED** leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* on any subsequent appeal. 28 U.S.C. § 2253; Fed. R. App. P. 22(b).

*/s/ Travis R. McDonough*

**TRAVIS R. MCDONOUGH  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

ENTERED AS A JUDGMENT  
s/ John Medearis  
CLERK OF COURT